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FOR SUBJECT MOTION DURING SCANNING

Mail Stop Amendment

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REPLY TO ACTION OF MAY 19, 2006

In reply to the Office Action of May 19, 2006, Applicant submits the following remarks.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 9-19, 21-23, and 25-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Evans, et al (US 6858003) in view of Cosman (US 6662036). Of these claims, claims 1, 14, 21, and 27 are independent. These claims relate to systems and methods for compensating for movement/motion of a subject by updating a scanning protocol. All these claims require that a scanning protocol be updated to compensate for movement/motion of the subject. Claim 1 recites "update the scanning protocol to compensate for movement of the subject"; claim 14 recites "updating the scanning protocol to compensate for motion of the subject"; claim 21 recites "update the scanning protocol to compensate for motion of the subject"; and claim 27 recites "update the magnetic resonance imaging protocol to compensate for movement of the subject."

Evans discloses a surgical system for performing cardiac surgery. The system in Evans is designed to keep the relative position of a surgical instrument generally constant with respect to

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